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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 924  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Air Force Junior ROTC of Whites Creek High School on their selection as Tennessee Outstanding Unit of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those organizations that have attained the highest level of excellence in all of their endeavors, reflecting a positive example for all young people of this state to follow; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable group of individuals is the Air Force Junior ROTC of Whites Creek High School; as a result of their tremendous accomplishments and dedication, the unit has been selected as the Tennessee Outstanding Unit of the Year and has received the Air Force Association Unit of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding group of cadets has enjoyed an incredible year filled with many success stories and has shared several programs with the community; and

WHEREAS, during the annual Air Force Junior ROTC unit inspection for the Academic Year 1999-2000, the White Creek cadets earned an "Outstanding" rating, the highest rating given; and

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WHEREAS, this tremendous achievement reflects long hours of team work and dedication by the Aerospace Science Instructors, their cadets, and the school's administration; in addition, the honor is indicative of a vibrant student body and a supportive community; and

WHEREAS, the Air Force Junior ROTC unit at Whites Creek High School is fortunate to be guided by talented and highly skilled instructors; the cadets are under the astute leadership of Major Roosevelt Williamson, SASI and SSGT Savington Nickens, Jr. ASI; and

WHEREAS, a stalwart supporter of JROTC, Mr. Bruce Bowers, the Executive Principal of Whites Creek High School serves with distinction on the Air Force Junior ROTC Council on Secondary School Affairs, the national governing board for Air Force Junior ROTC; and

WHEREAS, the inspection is an intense process in which all aspects of the JROTC program are scrutinized and evaluated; and

WHEREAS, during the most recent unit inspection, the JROTC at White's Creek, the largest unit in the Metro-Nashville JROTC program, was recognized for having first-rate facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Whites Creek unit's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Activities are second to none; the unit took cadets on four Curriculum-In-Action trips during the year, including visits to Keesler and Wright-Patterson Air Force Bases, and to the Smyrna Air Show to watch the U.S. Thunderbirds; and

WHEREAS, the unit has an exceptional Cadet Awards Program that exceeds the program of many senior ROTC units; the program consists of an annual awards banquet and the cadets participate in a variety of school award assemblies; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the JROTC unit at Whites Creek has a highly acclaimed Color Guard that is actively involved in numerous school and community activities, including, posting colors at football games, and participating in a special Veterans Day Flag Ceremony, the Area Principal Cluster function, a special Teacher Appreciation Program, and several parades; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable group of dedicated individuals has a very aggressive fundraising program; all funds raised are used to offset the costs of the first-class unit's activities and trips the cadets participate in throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the cadets are dedicated to upholding their highest standards for living a healthy and productive life; the unit's Physical Fitness/Athletic Program is very effective and includes a bi-monthly fitness program, physical fitness tests that are given twice each semester, and competitive basketball; and

WHEREAS, the Whites Creek High School Air Force Junior ROTC cadets fantastic accomplishments and success are a source of pride for their respective families, their community, and to this great state; and

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body wish to specially commend and honor such an outstanding display of dedication and effort; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend the student cadets, instructors, and administration of the Air Force Junior ROTC of Whites Creek High School on their selection as the Tennessee Outstanding Unit of the Year, and wish them well in all of their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.